



National Cable & Telecommunications Association

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EX PARTE

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20054

Re: CS Docket No. 98-120

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On November 10, 2004, Geraldine Laybourne, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer of Oxygen Media, Decker Anstrom, President & Chief Operating Officer of Landmark Communications, and Jill Lockett of the National Cable & Telecommunications Association met with Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy and her Legal Interns, Jennifer Ngai and Stefanie Zalewski. During that meeting, we argued that the Commission correctly decided the digital cable carriage issues in its January 2001 decision in the above-captioned proceeding. Specifically, we urged the Commission not to require cable operators to carry a broadcaster's analog *and* digital signal during the transition, and not to require carriage of a broadcaster's multicast digital broadcast signals after the transition.

Please direct any questions to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ **Jill Lockett**

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cc: Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy
Jennifer Ngai
Stefanie Zalewski